

Application No.: 10/518,644
§116 Amendment
Attorney Docket No.: 043058

REMARKS

Claims 4-8 are currently pending. Claims 4 and 5 are amended for clarity and to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms therein.

I. The Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that Claims 4-8 are allowed. However, the Examiner requests that the phrase "nitride solid" be inserted after "boron" in claim 4, line 4, and in claim 5, line 4, to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "the boron nitride solid raw material".

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended for clarity as recommended by the Examiner. Claims 1-3 and 13-15 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a) is moot and withdrawal is requested.

II. Conclusion

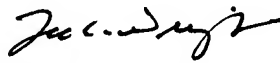
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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